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Applicant : Carol Brugnara et al.

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Title : SUBSTITUTED DIPHENYL INDANONE, INDANE AND INDOLE  
COMPOUNDS AND ANALOGUES THEREOF USEFUL FOR THE  
TREATMENT OF PREVENTION OF DISEASES CHARACTERIZED BY  
ABNORMAL CELL PROLIFERATION

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 2327  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Election/Restriction Requirement Office Action mailed October 4, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response to the Office Action was originally due November 4, 2002. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the time to reply to this Office Action for one month to December 4, 2002. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- Petition to Extend Time 1 month
- Postcard
- "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made"

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